

Fletcher Town Council
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2015

Call the meeting to order at: 06:59 pm by **Councilman Hugh Clark**

Those who were in attendance are as follows:

Councilman Hugh Clark
Councilman Bob Davy
Councilwoman Sheila Franklin
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf
Administrative Services Director Heather Taylor
Public Works Director Steve Morgan
Police Chief Erik Summey
Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa
Parks & Recreation Director Greg Walker

Mayor Moore and Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson did not attend this meeting.

Invocation: Councilwoman Sheila Franklin
Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Bob Davy

Public Input
None at this time

Approval of minutes-corrections, additions or deletions.
(6/1, 6/8 & 6/29)

Councilman Bob Davy made a motion to approve the minutes of 6/1, 6/8 & 6/29 and it was seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Franklin

Council Updates

Councilwoman Sheila Franklin: None at this time

Councilman Bob Davy: Commented on how great the concert in the park was this past Saturday.

Consent Agenda

Approval of William Anderson for a 3 yr. term on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Reappointment and charge Tax Collector Cynthia Broome and Deputy Tax Collector Janet Merrill to collect 2015-2016 Property taxes.

Set Public Hearing for August 10, 2015 to consider text amendments to the Fletcher Land Development Code.

Approval of Resolution R-15-07 Authorizing the sale of the former Town Hall located at 4005 Hendersonville Road.

Approval of year-end Tax Collector's Report for the 2014-2015 tax year.

Councilman Bob Davy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and it was seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Franklin.

(Added this item to the agenda)

Approval of Economic Investment fund monies in the amount of \$25,000 to Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf gave Councilwoman Sheila Franklin an update on this project for Economic Investment fund money.

Would be 501(c) 3 organization for funding purposes.

Discussion Followed:

Councilman Bob Davy made a motion to appropriate \$ 25,000 for the economic investment fund to the Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development as well as pledge that amount for the following 3 years and it was seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Franklin.

Consideration of amendment to engine compression brake ordinance-Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager and Erik Summey, Police Chief.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that we got the approval from DOT to put back in the right of way signs that engine compression brakes are prohibited and to get away from this muffled verses un-muffled distinction. You had also asked about me contacting the DA's office with the question that if it reverted back to the original policy could you support us on that. You wanted to make sure that we had sufficient evidence to support it but also not back up the court system with a lot of tickets. We think that if we go back to the original version that is something that would be much easier for us to enforce.

Police Chief Erik Summey gave an update on how the Fletcher PD will handle this issue here in town when the amended ordinance is violated.

Discussion Followed:

Councilman Bob Davy made a motion to amend the compression brake ordinance as described Ordinance # 0-15-01 (amended 7-13-15) Prohibition of Engine Compression Brakes on all streets, road or highways within the jurisdiction of the Town of Fletcher and it was seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Franklin.

Review of Transportation projects for French Broad River MPO-Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that he was contacted by the staff of the French Broad River MPO (Regional Transportation group) and they are getting ready to do their strategic scoring called the SPOT 4.0 process.

The projects that are funded for Fletcher are:

Old Airport Road – Widening and Improvements \$ 2,166,000.00
I-26 –Add additional lanes from US 25 business to NC 280 \$32,060,000

The projects that have been removed that council has asked to keep on the list:

Meritor Greenway – Construct sidewalk along southern bank of Cane Creek
\$900,000.00.

Rutledge Road –Widen to 10 feet and improve geometrics and lanes to accommodate bikes; \$2,280,000.00.

Discussion followed:

Proposal for music and arts festival at Fletcher Community Park-Greg Walker, Parks & Recreation Director.

Parks & Recreation Director Greg Walker gave a brief update about the proposal from BC Works to consider hosting a 2 day music festival in September 2016.

Discussion Followed:

Police Chief Erik Summey went over some concerns with traffic and staffing of officers for this event.

Discussion Followed:

Councilman Hugh Clark stated that based on the consensus that we are not interested in an event of this type in the park at this time.

Comments from the Town Manager-Mark Biberdorf.

LGCCA is on the Tuesday July 21st and Andrew Tate is on the agenda for a presentation on the economic investment fund.

On the Natural Gas line work in the park, Greg (P & R Director) and I met with Jay Cheseldine of Will Brothers an engineer who is working for PSNC. They are getting ready for their construction work and have prepared these temporary easements where they are needed and have approached the town about getting this in place because their intention is to come down the main driveway in the park with heavy equipment. There are 8 inch lines in there now and their intention is to put 24 inch lines basically in the same area through that back field and underneath the creek. We have gone over some dollar amounts that they were purposing to compensate us for staging the materials and to compensate us for the fact that they would be using the main driveway. They have offered us 2,500 for compensation (restoring back to original state) on the easement and 1,800 on the staging of the equipment. I spoke with Harry Buckner of McGill & Associates about the possibility of issuing a bond on this. He said that yes they could or we could ask for greater compensation. I am going to call Jay Cheseldine and let him know that we will be requiring a bond or greater compensation.

Discussion Followed:

Daystar Machining is working on getting sewer (currently have septic tank) access will come across areas on the towns property in the back of the park towards the greenway they will need to get an easement from us. Will Buie contractor with WGLA is supposed to following up on this. What is it to do with impact on town's property as well it is long term effects?

As I mentioned to you last week Stan Moore is interested in supporting/establishing a library fund (in honor of his late wife) for a new library here in Fletcher and he has other people who support and are willing to help with this project as well.

*****Public Input*****

Ron Schultz 10 South Chase Drive Fletcher had some questions on the amended Compression Brake Ordinance.

